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Centre's birthday surprise for pensioner

Survivor backs new skin cancer pledge campaign

Gemma Cottam is supporting the skin cancer pledge

A SKELMERSDALE woman who has survived melanoma is backing a new skin cancer pledge to help make more people aware of the danger it poses.

Gemma Cottam has teamed up with Cancer Research UK and Liverpool City Council to sign the first-ever skin cancer pledge.

Local businesses and schools will be encouraged to create shaded areas by planting more trees and adding canopies.

The public health team will be working with the local NHS, schools, communities, other local authorities and Public Health England to reduce the number of skin cancer cases in Merseyside and therefore save money for the NHS.

They will also work with environmental health colleagues and local businesses in a bid to prevent under-18s using sunbeds and inform all adults of the risks of sunbed use.

Gemma was diagnosed with malignant

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MUM'S FURY OVER DAUGHTER'S PLAY AREA TRAUMA

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE mother of a four-year-old girl is campaigning for "dangerous" roundabouts to be removed after her daughter "sliced her foot open to the bone" and needed operations after trapping her left foot.

Kayleigh Hansen's daughter Kaidy was playing at Fairhaven Park near to her home in Birch Green, Skelmersdale with her siblings Lily, 8 and Kodie, 5, when her foot became trapped underneath the roundabout as she tried to get off.

As she pulled it free, she sliced it to the bone through her tendon and nicked the nerves and arteries, leading to horrifying blood loss.

She needed two operations under general anaesthetic at Ormskirk Hospital and more than 30 stitches to repair the tendon and sew the jagged skin back together.

As the tendon had to be reconnected, she has been put on 'bed rest' for the next six weeks and will spend until September in a wheelchair with her foot in a plaster cast to ensure the tendon heals without the injury recurring.

She will be evaluated by doctors later this week to see how much physiotherapy she will need and the injury could even see her have to start school up to a week late depending on how it heals.

Her furious mum fears the injury could have long-term consequences for her little girl and has voiced concerns that other children could be left with similar horrifying injuries when using the roundabout in the West Lancs Council-run park.

And she is campaigning to have all of the 'old-fashioned' roundabouts which have a gap between the equipment and the floor removed and replaced with ones that are flush to the floor at all children's play areas in the borough.

When contacted by the Champion a spokesperson for the council said they had inspected the roundabout and found 'no safety issues' with it or similar ones at other parks across West Lancs.

Kayleigh said: "Kaidy got her foot trapped under the roundabout and has really seriously hurt and damaged her foot. I rang the council but they weren't interested and I think people need to be aware of how dangerous these roundabouts can be.

"Kaidy's foot became wedged as she as tried to get off and I just don't want anything else happening to any other children.

"It's not the same type of roundabout at the newer council parks – it's only these old-fashioned ones at

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Kaidy Hansen in her wheelchair with mum Kayleigh

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£900-plus bill for businessman who fly-tipped furniture

A MERSEYSIDE businessman will have to pay out more than £900 after being prosecuted for fly-tipping in West Lancashire.

Daniel Brown, of Valentine Road, Newton-le-Willows, pleaded guilty at Wigan Magistrates Court to depositing items of furniture off College Road, Up Holland.

Magistrates heard how some rubbish was found on April 5 and traced back to Mr Brown by officers from West Lancs Council. He subsequently admitted in an interview with council officers to depositing some items in Up Holland. He also told officers his intention was to return at a later date and set fire to the items, leading to the council taking the matter to court.

Mr Brown pleaded guilty to fly-tipping and was fined £220 . He was also ordered to pay a £22 victim surcharge and £697.37 costs, making a total of £939.37.

This case is the latest in a series of successful prosecutions against people from outside West Lancashire who have dumped rubbish in the borough.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The council is continuing to work hard to tackle fly-tipping and this case sends a strong message to those thinking of illegally dumping waste in our area.

The furniture dumped in College Road, Up Holland

"Fly-tipping is a serious criminal offence with fines of up to £50,000 possible for individuals found guilty of offences. There is no limit to the fines businesses could face if they are prosecuted."

If you think waste has been disposed of illegally then you can report this to the council 24 hours a day on website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping; or you can call 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

The council would also like to remind all householders that they need to make sure any waste that they have removed is disposed of legally. Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carriers licence and give waste transfer notes to whomever they take waste from. Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a waste carriers' licence by contacting the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or going on their website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency.

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Life sentence for dad who sexually abused his children

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MAN from West Lancashire who systematically raped and abused his own children - including making them indulge in sick sex games while he watched - has been put behind bars for life.

The 50-year-old pervert's depth of depravity shocked everyone involved with the case, including the judge who presided over his trial during which his victims had to re-live their terrible ordeals at his hands.

He was found guilty of sexually abusing five of his children, beginning when some were just six years old, and who all lived in a state of unbelievable neglect.

Jailing the man, who cannot be identified to protect his victims, Judge Andrew Menary, QC said. "It is impossible to overstate the appalling nature of this offending or the depths of depravity exhibited by you over many years towards your own children or the profound and obvious harm that you have caused to each complainant."

He said that they have all been affected by their experiences and tragically it was likely that the three most seriously abused "will never get over their ordeal. If not ruined, their lives have been substantially damaged.

"The accounts they gave were often heartbreaking and it is shocking, to say the least, that the family circumstances like the one endured by these children and their other siblings can exist and be allowed to exist in modern day Britain."

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the man had forced some of children to perform sex acts on each other and have sexual intercourse while he watched.

The victims lived in utter neglect while their mother was unable or unwilling to provide the love, support and protection they needed and deserved. The judge said that while there was some evidence she had herself been abused by the defendant, a care agency belatedly brought in by social services described her as "bone idle" and said she "sat and watched TV while chaos reigned around her and didn't lift a finger."

The children were inadequately fed or clothed, were encouraged to run round naked and were seen out in the street in winter without any clothes on. An official from the care company described it as the most difficult family he had with to work with out of thousands he had supported.

The father began raping one of his daughters and one of his sons when they were just six years old. This continued for about four years with the boy and 12 years with the girl.

Although the children began to be taken into care, the abuse did not end and he continued raping two of his daughters when they came home for visits or ran away from children homes.

The eldest daughter, who he raped about eight times, told how he would tie her to a bed and other times held a knife to her throat and threatened to chop her up. He later plied the other girl with alcohol and gave her money for drugs before raping her.

Judge Menary told the defendant, who was cleared of sexually abusing another of his daughters, that he had no doubt he was dangerous. He jailed him for life with a minimum term of 14 years before he can apply to the Parole Board to be freed. He was ordered to sign on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

He was convicted of 20 offences of rape and sexual assault, all of which he denied.

Mum's fury after daughter suffers horror injury on play area roundabout

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the older, run-down play areas. I think people need to be aware how dangerous they can be and the council needs to update the roundabout to the type that are in the newer type of parks as they are flush to the floor.

"Not only did Kaidy suffer truly horrible injuries and have to spend her entire summer holidays in a wheelchair, it could also affect her education now as well, which is appalling."

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "The council is very sorry to hear about Kaidy's injuries. We have been in contact with Mrs Hansen to express our sympathy and to find out more about what has happened.

"Our investigations are continuing but we have inspected in detail the play area at Fairhaven since we were informed of this and have found that there are no safety issues with the roundabout. All our play areas are inspected once a week and there were no reports of safety concerns at the Fairhaven play area in the week prior to the incident or since.

"At the current time the council has no plans to close the Fairhaven play area or any others that have a similar roundabout during its investigations."

Kaidy Hansen's injured foot

Shopping centre serves up a birthday treat for regular June

PENSIONER June Keenan celebrated her 70th birthday in style when staff at the Concourse surprised her with a card and bouquet of flowers while she was visiting the shopping centre.

Cleaner Phil Bull held a collection for the Concourse 'regular' after learning about the pensioner's special milestone. And colleagues in the cleaning and security teams were happy to join in wishing June a very happy birthday.

June, who has become something of a Skelmersdale institution over the years, was delighted to receive a large bunch of flowers presented to her by Phil and security manager, JP Ruttledge, on behalf of the cleaning and security teams.

Gary Mitchell, centre manager at the Concourse, which is owned and managed by London & Cambridge Properties (LCP), said: "We are so thrilled to see the Concourse community come together to wish this very special lady a wonderful birthday. June has visited the centre for over 40 years and in that time has touched the lives and hearts of thousands of visitors.

"We wish her many happy returns, and hope she continues to put smiles on the faces of our shoppers for many years to come."

Meanwhile, a picture showing June's delight has spread across social media, with more than 200 locals rushing to wish her many happy returns.

The picture has been shared on Facebook hundreds of times and has reached around 30,000 people with almost 100 likes, with many Concourse customers sharing their memories of June in their comments.

June Keenan gets a 70th birthday surprise from Phil Bull (left) and JP Rutledge at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale.

Commenting on the Facebook post, Jean Unsworth said: "Happy birthday June. I remember you when my kiddies were small back in the 1970s. Have a great day."

Recalling fond memories of June and her childhood at the shopping centre, Nicola Birch Lea, wrote: "My mum worked at the baby stall in the 70s and I always remember June from when I went to work with my mum as a kid 40 years ago. Happy birthday June."

Natalie Schunke added: "June used to sing a beautiful bluebell song to us as kids. Hope June has a fabulous birthday."

A house swept away by the floods in Western Nepal

Charity launches Nepal appeal

STAFF at a charity based in Skelmersdale have launched an urgent appeal for help after floods and landslides devastated Western Nepal.

Nepal, the poorest country in South Asia, was devastated by more than 400 severe earthquakes last year.

These left many steep-sided hills unstable, creating landslides which have blocked roads and hampered relief efforts. Bridges have been destroyed, farmland washed away and irrigation channels need rebuilding.

Resolve International, based on Hazel Lane in Skelmersdale has provided hygiene training, built toilets and improved primary education in the Baglung District for 10 years.

Destroyed

Keith Laycock from the charity said: "A survey estimates that 116 homes are completely destroyed, 145 homes are uninhabitable, seven bridges and five small power generating sites have been destroyed.

"An emergency relief committee representing the District Office and a resource centre is in place. They need a temporary shelter and roofing sheets; three health camps; food, clothing, utensils; house repairs; repair of irrigation channels and the construction of land-retaining walls."

To donate to the appeal go to justgiving.com/resolve-international.

Skin cancer survivor Gemma signs up to new campaign to raise awareness of dangers

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melanoma last October. The 25-year-old had noticed a mole near her ear had got bigger. Despite having had the mole for a decade, it had started to catch on her hair and clothes.

She had the mole removed and biopsy results revealed it was cancerous.

Gemma, who works at Asda in Skelmersdale, was heartbroken to be given the news. A lymph node biopsy came back positive and she had lymph nodes removed from her neck, leaving a scar from her ear to her chin. She is currently recovering from further surgery.

She said: "It was only when I spoke to a plastic surgeon that the gravity of the situation hit me and I realised that this was a life threatening situation.

"It's brilliant that Liverpool City Council and Cancer Research UK are working together to make a difference. In the past I enjoyed sitting in the garden to sunbathe, but now I know how to properly protect my skin whist enjoying the sun.

"Skin cancer can kill and it's vitally important that people are aware of that fact."

Councillor Paul Brant, Liverpool City Council's cabinet member for health and adult social care, said: "Liverpool is delighted to be working alongside Cancer Research UK on this critical issue.

"Gemma's story serves as a powerful reminders of why it is so important to help people protect their skin and enjoy the sun safely.

"We are proud to be the first local authority to sign up and I hope many other councils will follow Liverpool's example."

Malignant melanoma is the second most common cancer in young adults in the UK and kills around 60 young adults (age 15-34) every year.

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MP urges public to fight decision on bidding for health services contract

ROSIE Cooper says Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust faces being destabilised if it loses vital community and urgent care services, which it currently provides in West Lancashire.

And the West Lancs MP is calling on local residents to act by signing a petition opposing the decision by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group to reject the trust as a bidder in favour of two private companies and two out-of-area NHS trusts.

Local 38 Degrees campaigners have launched an online petition and Ms Cooper is encouraging West Lancs residents to make their voices heard if they are opposed to the actions of local GPs and health commissioners which, she believes, will threaten the future of the hospitals and privatise local health services.

A day of action was held by 38 Degrees campaigners in Ormskirk town centre on Saturday, August 6 when people were given the opportunity to sign the petition.

Rosie Cooper said: "I want every West Lancashire resident to be aware of the decisions being taken in their name by West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group.

"This group of people are taking decisions which are destabilising the future of our local hospital and could lead to NHS services being privatised.

Rosie Cooper is calling on residents to join her in opposing the CCG decision to reject the local hospital trust as a bidder for community care services

"If you are opposed to what is happening to your local health services then it is essential to make your voice heard and let West Lancashire CCG know that you oppose their plans. I don't believe they have properly considered the impact of their decision on the future of the hospital.

"Residents I have spoken to are disgusted by the plans to privatise NHS services. They are asking who stands to benefit? Residents aren't convinced it's them."

However, a spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "We have a responsibility to review all NHS services we commission, not least when contracts come to an end. This re-procurement of local community health services is therefore standard practice. This process is subject to national procurement legislation which requires CCGs to enable both NHS and independent (private) providers to compete, and only proceed if they are successful following evaluation against set criteria.

"We would reassure the local population that our local hospital will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral as we move towards achieving our vision for joined-up care.

"Our stakeholders, including local people and existing staff, have been kept informed and invited to have their say during this process. We have invited the organisers of the 38 Degrees group to meet with us to discuss our vision and plans with them and explain the surrounding detail.

"We recommend anyone with an interest in this ongoing process to visit our website or contact us via email at myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or by ringing 01695 588 203."

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Cadets go behind the scenes at emergency control room

MEMBERS of the 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron Air Cadets were given the chance to gain first-hand experience of emergency calls when they visited the joint control centre for Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue.

The trip was hosted by trainers of Merseyside Police and after an initial presentation and tour of the control rooms, the cadets were put through their paces with some real training scenarios.

They were briefed on the workings of the computer systems and this, along with the radio training they already receive, enabled them to take mock 999 calls.

The cadets also learned how to log on to the system and then using radio technique dispatched police officers to investigate the crimes being reported.

Cadet Liam O'Sullivan said this was an exciting opportunity to see the real workings and hard work that our emergencies services deal with every day.

Liam learned that callers are often in a state of panic or shock and control room operators must try to keep them calm so they can obtain all the information they need to decide how serious the situation is.

Squadron commander, Flt. Lt. Henderson said: "The 12 cadets who attended had an amazing informative time and it was great to see them putting their radio training into practice."

Most of the cadets have already undertaken months of radio training and have gained formal lifelong qualifications to add to their CVs.

If you are over 12 years of age and are interested in joining the Air Cadets they parade every Monday and Friday evenings. You can contact 1439@aircadets.org for more details or call the commanding officer on 07810891655.

As well as flying, sports, target shooting, adventure training and having great fun, recruits find that being an Air Cadet has its own reward, building on your achievements and earning many qualifications including the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The Air Cadets get first-hand experience of dealing wth emergencies during their visit to the Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue joint control room

Double triumph for town at FA awards

MEMBERS of the Skem Men-aces disability football team travelled to Everton's Goodison Park home to receive their award for being named Liverpool County FA winners of the FA Chartered Standard Club Award 2016.

And it was a double celebration for the town with Skelmersdale Youth Academy picking up the Community Club of the Year Award.

Above: Coach Jim Lloyd, Carl and Miriam Eaton from the Skem Men-Aces with their award.

Below: Volunteers and coaches from the Skelmersdale Youth Academy.

Healthier eating on the menu for care home residents

Aaron Crest kitchen staff member Bidhan cooks up one of the healthy meals

STAFF at a care home in Skelmersdale have launched a range of new nutritional menus in a bid to get residents eating more healthy and nutritious meals.

The new menus at the Aaron Crest home in Tanhouse Road - created in partnership with food wholesalers, Brakes - were designed by nutritionists and dietitians who specialise in the dietary needs of elderly people.

From brainstorming their favourite dishes to recommending new recipes, residents and staff were involved at the heart of the process, which included regular tasting and feedback sessions.

The new dishes, which have been focused on the individual preferences of residents, include the option of at least two portions of fish each week, five portions of fruit and vegetables every day, and lower and higher energy snacks are offered throughout the day.

Classic dishes that are favourites with residents, such as Sunday roast and Fish Friday, have also been given a nutritious twist and will remain on the menu.

Over the summer season, staff will continue to gather feedback from residents in preparation for autumn/winter menus when new options and even more variety will be introduced.

Phil Smith, chief operating officer at New Century Care which runs the home, said: "We are pleased to be launching our new nutritional food menus and delighted to have been able to involve residents in all aspects of its delivery.

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"Whilst many residents love their good old English traditional food, we wanted to put a spin on things and be more creative to keep things healthy, nutritious and interesting."

Sam Tippins, account manager at Brakes, added: "A healthy balanced diet is important for people of all ages, and for elderly people the benefits of a nutritional diet are numerous. The menus have been designed to respect the tastes and desires of residents, whilst giving them the high level of nutrition and nourishment they need."

Footballers raise £800 for Cystic Fibrosis charity

A CHARITY football match between Liverpool Ramblers AFC from Crosby and Influential FC staged at the at JMO Sports Park in Skelmersdale raised more than £800 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Family's plea to help find lost pet

A FAMILY whose pet dog went missing in the Skelmersdale area while they were on holiday have launched an urgent appeal to find him.

Auxiliary nurse Vikki Parker was on holiday in France with her husband and three children when she received a call to say that their beloved pet, Max *(pictured, right)* had run off while being walked by a dog-minder.

The 18-month-old long-haired Patterdale-Staffordshire cross ran off while being exercised in the Elmer's Green/Beacon Reserve area on Saturday, July 30.

Max, who is white and tan and described as 'scruffy' in appearance, was last seen wearing a red harness and lead and is micro-chipped.

Vicky from Bickershaw near Wigan, said: "He is very timid and he just runs off if people get anywhere near to him..

"There have been sightings of him in Winstanley and Bryn. Please call us if you spot him, as all we want is to get him back."

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Police chief signs off with praise for community spirit

Report by **Henry James**

A POLICE chief who is signing off on his career in uniform after three decades has named his time as an inspector in West Lancashire among the highlights of his working life.

And Chief Superintendent James Lee was full of praise for the area's community spirit, even describing Skelmersdale as a 'hidden gem!

Speaking about his six years in the borough, the 51-year-old told the Champion: "It was a most enjoyable time, the best people, and the best job. In my time there, we had the biggest crime reductions and the best detection rates Skelmersdale had ever known.

"Of course, we also had a few major incidents, such as the Paul Fields murder in 2002. I was also on the Single Regeneration Board with Frank McKenna, which saw a lot of money being ploughed into Skelmersdale and we were able to ensure that it went in the right direction and to the right groups.

"It was a really enjoyable time. There is a great community spirit in Skelmersdale, the town is definitely a hidden gem."

Mr Lee started his career in policing as a foot patrol officer in Morecambe before earning promotion to sergeant and moving down the coast a little way to Blackpool. He also had a three year spell at Warrington.

Chief Superintendent Lee

Further promotion to inspector followed, along with a move to West Lancashire, and then in 2006 he was promoted to Chief Inspector and moved to Preston. "I didn't want to leave West Lancashire, I thought I would be promoted and stay within the borough," he admitted.

Continuing to progress through the ranks though he became a superintendent in 2008 and chief super in 2010.

Due to the seniority of his position the last few years have seen him very much involved in the massive budget cuts the force has been forced to face. He said: "I led the Force Change Programme which took £43 million out of the force budget. That was stressful as it meant losing many police officers and reorganising Lancashire Constabulary. "It was not what I expected to do and it was hard work."

After the county constabulary's reorganisation in 2012, West Lancashire again came under his jurisdiction. "I ended up taking over command of Chorley, West Lancashire, South Ribble and Preston.

"In Preston and Skelmersdale over the last few years we have had some firearms issues, which has been quite testing. But for the last four months I've been working from Ormskirk Police Station. I actually spent my last day on foot patrol in Ormskirk town centre and the market and it was superb."

And despite signing off on his fulfilling but demanding career, he's not ready for the pipe and slippers just yet! "I am going to manage a couple of bands from Liverpool and try and promote some music nights. I also have teaching qualifications so I may go back into education."

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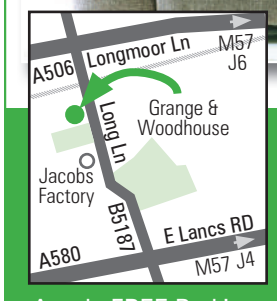

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Artz Centre puts young talent in the spotlight

Report by **Henry James**

THE Artz Centre has enabled more than 100 young people in Skelmersdale to learn new skills, develop confidence and showcase their talents by completing two shows in just three weeks.

Firstly, the juniors tackled the new hit musical My Son Pinocchio. The cast, who had little or no experience, attracted an audience of more than 400 people in four sold-out shows at Our Lady's theatre.

The production, which featured youngsters as young as seven, was met with positive feedback from audience members.

Then the Artz Team transferred to Lathom High School theatre where seniors took on West Side Story, a hard-hitting musical which tackled serious themes such as racism, identity and pride.

However, the biggest challenge was not the technically difficult musical, but the stage itself.

The ambitious regeneration of Lathom High School's theatre is yet another example of what The Artz Centre does. They created the back streets of 1950s New York and the iconic balcony, while director Mark Ashton brought a new, contemporary spin on the classic love story.

Lathom High head teacher, Jane Galbraith, said: "I was delighted to welcome Mark and the team from Artz Centre back to the school and very excited to see how such a big project would turn out. I wasn't disappointed!

The cast of West Side Story

"The transformation of the Arts Theatre was a fantastic achievement and no less than the show deserved. The quality of both the performance and the production of West Side Story, by such a young and talented cast, was superb and inspiring, so much so that it has spurred us on to renovate Lathom's Arts Theatre for the new academic year.

"It was a privilege to work with Artz Centre and I look forward to working with Mark and the team in the future."

Mark Ashton commented: "Doing one big show a year would be an achievement for many but we decided to do two big shows in three weeks.

"This obviously put huge pressure on the Artz Team and students but once again we proved just what can be achieved with hard work, passion and commitment.

"I would like to pay tribute to everyone who helped make this possible and now look forward to the rest of the shows we have planned for 2016."

Meanwhile the group is now turning its attention to three more upcoming events starting with a Queen tribute on August 19 and 20 at The Artz Centre.

This will be followed by the Dance Show in September and then the end-of-year production of Robin Hood, which will encompass the talents of all Artz Centre students.

Expert help offer for pregnant smokers who want to quit

PREGNANT women in Lancashire who smoke, vape or chew are being encouraged to take advantage of expert help from the county council's Quit Squad to kick the habit for good and give their babies a healthier start in life.

With a single cigarette containing more than 4,000 chemicals, every one smoked during pregnancy can harm unborn babies. Cigarettes also restrict the essential oxygen supplies to babies, forcing their hearts to beat harder every time they smoke.

The Quit Squad, funded by Lancashire County Council and provided by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, is calling on pregnant women to recognise the harms that both smoking themselves and second-hand smoke can do to their unborn babies, and also to make a Smoke Free Pledge to ensure their cars and homes are smoke free.

Tracy Sutton from the Quit Squad said: "Stopping smoking will benefit both you and your baby immediately. You'll have fewer complications in pregnancy and you are more likely to have a healthier pregnancy and healthier baby.

"Second-hand smoke can also reduce birth weight and increase the risk of cot death. Babies whose parents smoke are more likely to be admitted to hospital for bronchitis and pneumonia during the first year of life.

"The Quit Squad can support smokers to give up - you are four times more likely to give up with expert help than going alone. The Quit Squad is also encouraging people to protect their families by making a Smoke Free Pledge to ensure their cars and homes are smoke free."

In addition to drop-in clinics (no appointments required) and one-to-one sessions, the Quit Squad also offers group sessions in the community.

For further details telephone 0800 3286297, visit www.quitsquad.nhs.uk, or follow the Quit Squad on Twitter @LancashireCare #QuitSquad.

Youngsters geared up for fun at SAY summer activity sessions

PC ANDY Bramhall and a team of officers from Skelmersdale Police went along to the activities programme bring run by Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) to see the group's new Mad Max electric cart being put through its paces at the Evermoor Hub.

The Mad Max sessions are part of the programme of events being run by SAY for youngsters aged seven and upwards with funding from the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.

This is a new project in the town that features SAY working closely with the neighbourhood police team to tackle anti social behaviour over the summer holidays.

The Mad Max cart has three different speed settings - slow, medium and fast - can forward or reverse and has a fully built-in cage around making it safe for youngsters aged seven and upwards, depending on their size and weight.

SAY will be running a number of different programmes with the Mad Max cart, including a road safety programme to give young people the chance to learn the Highway Code.

As well as looking for new ways to motivate young people by engaging them in positive activities, SAY also run a volunteer scheme where youngsters help with running the activities and gaining the 100 and 250 hours awards and nomination for the Lord High Sheriff Award for Young Citizens.

The Mad Max sessions will be held at the Evermoor Hub on Monday evenings from 5 to 6pm along with other activities which are taking place throughout the summer.

One of the youngsters puts the Mad Max electric cart through its paces

These include turfboarding/sledging at Yewdale Amphitheatre from 6 to 7pm on Fridays, and Crazy carts at Evermoor Hub on Fridays, 5 to 6pm. All activities are free.

SAY will also be running post coding sessions where youngsters can have their scooters and bikes, mobile phones and ipads stamped for free. For more information contact Alan Lewis at Alan.say@hotmail.co.uk.

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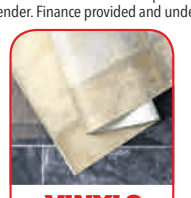

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Council decision to hold budget consultation in holidays criticised

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council's decision to hold the consultation on proposed savings of £750,000 in the General Revenue Budget during the school summer holidays has been criticised by Councillor Adrian Owens.

Residents are being given the chance to have a say on the proposals, which include introducing a controversial annual charge of £30 to collect green waste.

But Derby ward Our West Lancashire representative Cllr. Owens claimed the authority was not really interested in the views of the public as it was holding the consultation at a time when many people will be on holiday and would not know about it.

The closing date for the consultation is Sunday, September 4.

Cllr. Owens said: "The council have arranged the consultation to coincide almost exactly with the school summer holidays.

Councillor Owens

Many people will miss press coverage of this important survey of resident opinion on the proposed budget cuts. Indeed, the council are giving themselves more time to collate the consultation results of the survey than they are giving the public to respond in the first place.

"The consultation could be extended to eight weeks without causing administrative difficulties. Perhaps the council don't really want to hear the views of the public - given that 72% opposed the proposed green bin charge in the last survey yet that same proposal has reappeared then that seems likely."

In response, a spokesman for the council stated: "The policy options 2016 consultation takes place over a six-week period, which is a reasonable timescale to enable the results to be analysed and considered, so that decisions can be made on October 19.

"This timetable is similar to the policy options/MSR consultations carried out in summer 2012 (July 27 to September 14) and 2013 (July 23-September 11.)

"Government guidance on consultation is two to 12 weeks, proportionate to topic. A six-week period is comfortably within this timescale.

"While we appreciate that consultation takes place over the holiday period, people are unlikely to be away for the full six weeks. The consultation is available on the council website from any location at www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews.

"The consultation is being publicised and people can contribute their views in a variety of ways."

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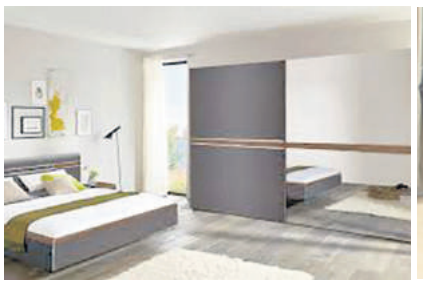

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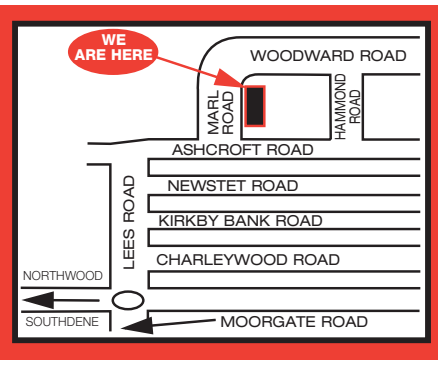

Bike owners urged to step up security

Report by **Henry James**

CYCLISTS are being urged to be more security-conscious after figures revealed that bikes with a total value in excess of £1.8m were stolen across Lancashire last year, while 137 were stolen in West Lancashire alone.

Lancashire Police have launched a campaign which will see officers carrying out bike coding and handing out postcards with advice on how to prevent bicycles being stolen.

Sergeant Dave Sherrington said: "In 2015, 3,852 bicycles were reported stolen across Lancashire with a value of £1,813,511. These are only the thefts which were reported to police, we believe there are more thefts which remain unreported.

"It appears that the recent rise in the purchase of expensive, high-tech bikes is fuelling the thefts – the most expensive bike stolen last year was worth more than £10,000.

"We think that many of these thefts could have been prevented if owners had locked their bike up securely. Please prevent yourself from becoming a victim of bike theft by following some simple security measures. Don't make it easy for thieves."

Officers have compiled the following advice for cyclists:

- **Never leave your bike unlocked.**
- **Lock your bike through the frame and the wheels.**
- **Use a good-quality lock, such as a solid steel D-shaped shackle lock.**
- **When out, lock your bike to something solid like a lamppost or railings.**
- **If your bike has quick release wheels, take off the front wheel and lock it to the frame and back wheel.**
- **Consider getting your bike security marked so that police can check who it belongs to and return it if stolen.**

Sergeant Dave Sherrington is urging bike owners to take security more seriously

- **Think about taking out insurance cover for your bike.**
- **Register your bike for free at www.bikeregister.com, the only police-approved cycle database.**

A video to encourage cyclists to keep their bikes safe has also been launched and can be viewed on video-sharing website, YouTube.

Anyone who sees anything suspicious or has any information about who might be stealing or handling stolen bikes can contact police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Martin Mere news

Throughout August, WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre has been undertaking the Big Butterfly Count, a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies.

Our Reserve Placement student, Rosie Simpson has been undertaking a project researching the Wall butterfly.

The Wall butterfly is a medium sized, delicately patterned butterfly, named because they are often found basking on rocks or walls. Historically the Wall Butterfly has been a widespread species, occurring in small, self-contained populations across the UK. However, since as early as the 1970s, the species has been in nationwide decline, particularly from inland populations. The butterfly is now confined to more coastal regions, preferring habitats such as grasslands, field margins, footpaths, hedgerows, and costal habitats like dunes or cliffs. Any areas of bare ground are perfect for this butterfly to bask.

Rosie said: "We are fortunate enough to have a population of Wall butterfly on the reserve at Martin Mere that are monitored as part of the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme. Each week between April-September we walk a fixed butterfly transect around the reserve, recording and identifying each individual butterfly that we see. The transect at Martin Mere has 6 distinct sections, with varied habitats. These weekly results are then submitted to the monitoring scheme and the data collected can be used to investigate any trends or changes in population of different species. I have been looking at the information that has been collected from these surveys at Martin Mere over the years about the Wall butterfly to see what has been happening to the population and the data suggests that the numbers are in decline, with a particularly bad year in 2011. I've also used the data to work out whether certain parts of the butterfly transect are more popular with Wall butterfly, then conducting a series of plant surveys in these areas to see which of the Wall butterfly food pants are present.

The information I collect will hopefully help us to better understand the local population of Wall butterfly, and possibly how areas of the reserve could be managed to maintain this species. "Come and see how many butterflies you can spot as you are exploring the grounds for LEGO® brick animals over the summer and collecting Nature Explorer stickers for doing 8 fun activities.

WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

Parking scheme set to allay residents' road safety concerns

ROAD safety fears of residents living in a village cul-de-sac look set to be allayed after they worked with a borough councillor on a proposed environmental scheme which has now been approved.

Our West Lancashire councillor Adrian Owens was approached by residents of council bungalows in Holly Close, Westhead concerned about the lack of off-street parking.

They claimed this was causing access problems for emergency vehicles and poor visibility for pedestrians, especially children playing in the area.

Working with the residents, Cllr. Owens drafted a plan for 10 additional off-street car parking spaces utilising land in front of the bungalows and submitted it to West Lancs Council's environmental improvement budget for consideration.

Cllr Owens said: "I'm delighted that the council has now agreed to fund these improvements with special thanks to Councillor Patterson who immediately understood the case that we were making.

"Additional off-street parking will benefit the whole of Holly Close as on-street parking will be reduced. All council properties on Holly Close will have off street parking as a result of this improvement and providing car parking at this and other sheltered schemes will sustain demand for our sheltered properties."

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Investigation launched after school worker's 'racist' burka posts

The picture Ms Leadbetter posted on Facebook

Report by **Henry James**

A STAFF member at a West Lancs primary school is facing an investigation after posting comments on a social media site apparently comparing a picture of Muslim women wearing the burka to suicide bombers.

Liz Leadbetter, a welfare assistant at Westhead Lathom St James' CE Primary School made the comments on Facebook, and Alison Albion, the head teacher at the school, has said they are taking the matter "extremely seriously."

Ms Leadbetter posted a picture of three people who appeared to be wearing the burka and underneath had written: 'Derek saw these and did one, by God did we laugh. He wasn't staying round to get blown up, he said one had at least 3 vests on under that lot.'

As part of an online exchange with a friend she added: 'Hey he was watching everywhere for them after that lol.' To which the friend replied: 'Got to be honest do you blame him' and Ms Leadbetter responded: 'No way they shouldn't be allowed here.'

The posts have since been removed and Ms Leadbetter later posted: 'If any of you has a problem with me or my posts, I would appreciate it if you contacted me, don't go behind my back, no harm is ever meant by any of my posts, but if offended please let me know.'

A member of the public, who asked not to be named, emailed the Champion about the Facebook posts and commented: "The attachments say it all about a member of Lathom St James' Westhead staff being racist and on a public post for all to see.

"I was going to send my daughter to this school but not now. My mum is affected by these posts and she is not a terrorist."

Alison Albion, head teacher at Westhead Lathom St James', said: "We are aware of this issue, which we take extremely seriously. We cannot comment further at this stage as it is subject to an investigation."

Residents urged to 'get active'

WEST Lancs residents of all ages are being encouraged to take steps to enjoy a healthier lifestyle through a new scheme.

Building on existing projects, Active West Lancs will run a wide range of activities to address varied aspects of improving people's health and well-being.

These include health walks, school activities, family workshops, cookery activities, physical activity sessions, weight management courses and even community farming & gardening.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and wellbeing, said: "It doesn't matter what age you are or how fit you are, Active West Lancs has activities for all. The sessions can be a lot of fun as well as helping to improve your health, so make sure you take this chance for you and your family to have a healthier lifestyle."

Active West Lancs is a partnership made up of five local organisations to deliver the scheme - West Lancs Council, West Lancs Community Leisure Trust, West Lancs School Sports Partnership, West Lancs CVS and Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative.

A number of schemes are already up and running including 12-week gym-based sessions (including swimming at certain venues), a 12-week 'weight management' challenge, exercise classes, health walks, community allotments and cookery.

For more details about Active West Lancs call project co-ordinator Emma Davies on 01695 555804 or visit activewestlancs.org.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Shopping centre management will always respond to customer concerns

I AM writing to you in response to the letters from Dave Elliott (July 13) and Ron Webster (July 20) regarding their concerns about The Concourse Shopping Centre.

Mr Elliott raised concerns about the lift being out of order. This has been a problem for a couple of weeks and we apologise that it is currently out of service.

We are actively looking for a solution to the issue. Our contractors are currently sourcing the required parts to repair the lift and it will be having a significant health check to help minimise any future downtime.

Meanwhile, if you are unable to use the ramp, escalators or stairs, please contact a member of our security team who will do their best to assist you further.

Ramps are located at the back of the market hall on the ground floor, and opposite New Look and the Card Factory on the first floor.

I'd also like to respond to Mr Webster about the bicycle stands. At the beginning of July, we introduced a ban on bicycles in response to customer concerns about pedal cycles being left haphazardly on the mall floors, or leaned against shop windows and chained to internal balustrades. There had also been a number of near misses involving pedestrians and cyclists.

As a result, the centre management bought three cycle stands from a leading supplier of street furniture to local authorities and shopping centres. Since their introduction earlier this month, we have received some very positive feedback from customers about the ban.

We have also received comments from a handful of customers who said they did not feel the stands were adequate for larger bikes. We have listened to their comments and have immediately ordered a further five secure Sheffield hoops, which are suitable for larger bicycles.

These stands will be located at the western entrance underneath the canopy, affording a higher level of security. These will be installed as soon as possible.

We want customers at the centre to feel safe and comfortable while they spend time here. To this end, we always welcome constructive comments and take feedback seriously.

Gary Mitchell, centre manager, The Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale

Road improvements are much appreciated - now what about the bridge?

AT last! After a long campaign, Derby Street and Greetby Hill in Ormskirk has been fully resurfaced and re-marked.

The workmen have done a cracking job, it has greatly enhanced the area and cycling on this road is now a real pleasure.

So big thanks from all residents and road users to all workmen, Lancashire Highways Agency, Rosie Cooper and all local councillors for bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

We now need an urgent solution to the railway bridge on Derby Street, which remains a high-risk hazard to all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists who take their lives in their hands to cross it.

Thanks again to all concerned - it really is appreciated.

Steve Kyriacou, regional manager, Cycle Experience Ltd

Public car park is more like a private one for residents

THE public car park on School Lane, Burscough appears to be being used primarily as a local residents' car park.

It doesn't matter at what time you go, there are often no available spaces.

I have not done an in-depth study, but I have noticed the same cars each time I attempt to park there.

It would be helpful to have timed parking during business hours, so that those wishing to use the local shops or visit the nearby doctors' surgery, were not put off by the difficulty of parking.

Certainly there are businesses in Burscough I would visit more often were I able to park nearby.

West Lancs resident, name & address supplied

Reduce councillors to save money

IT'S a good idea to stop winter collections. It's not a good idea to charge £30 for a reduced service.

It is not a good idea to sell off our parks and open spaces, without our permission. They do not belong to the council, they belong to us and the council have a duty of care, paid for by the rates, to maintain them.

What are the qualifications of the councillor who has this idea? Every week the Champion reports another council panacea with, seemingly, nothing emerging as a positive innovation.

In any business - which the council professes to be - the highest cost is the employees so to save money we should reduce the number of councillors. Easy peasy.

Graham Walker, Dorchester Road. Up Holland

PICTURE of the week

Players from Southport based Gambolling Arena Theatre Company who staged a performance of Roald Dahl's The Twits at Maghull's first ever Literary Festival last Saturday. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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A helping hand for families facing 'holiday hunger'

NEW research published by the Trussell Trust brings home the desperate choices facing many families across the UK this summer.

The findings reveal that a fifth of parents will skip a meal during the school holidays so that their children can eat, with the charity estimating that as many as 1.5 million people could be forced to forgo food over the coming weeks.

As a charity fighting poverty in the UK, we hear from families who are struggling with decisions like these every single day.

42% of parents told us they are worried about spending more on food for their children during the summer break and 36% are concerned about paying their essential bills at this time.

As a result, one in six will be forced to borrow money through credit cards, overdrafts and loans to make it through.

Pressure

We know that the extra financial costs that the school summer holidays bring create added pressure for families who are already struggling to afford housing, food and other essentials.

It's clear that more needs to be done to put an end to holiday hunger and we're working together with the Trussell Trust and other like-minded organisations to ensure that support for families is as accessible and prominent as possible.

We urge anyone who is struggling to use our free Benefits Calculator, Grants Search and other help at Turn2us.org.uk to find out quickly and easily what support could be available.

It could make all the difference this summer and beyond.

Simon Hopkins, chief executive, Turn2us

We need more facilities not to lose the one we have!

I CONCUR with the letter from Steve and Pam Walker headed 'Why are they dismantling the heart of our village?' (Champion, August 3).

A meeting was held recently for residents and interested parties about the proposed sale of the village hall, hot on the heels of the sale of the Halton Castle pub.

The meeting was well attended and at times quite emotive.

However, the overwhelming feeling was that the hall must be kept as a community facility and lots of residents registered their interest in ensuring that it does.

A further meeting is planned - Westhead residents are not letting go without a fight.

We need more facilities in Westhead, not to be letting go of the only one we have!

Maria O'Neill, Westhead resident, by email

This pile of rubbish was fly-tipped in White Moss Road, Skelmersdale last year

Fly-tippers will face £200 fine

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council can now issue fixed penalty notices to people caught fly-tipping for the first time and anyone who receives one will face a fine of £200.

New legislation allows local authorities the ability to set the amount for a fixed penalty notice for fly-tipping between £150 and £400 and the borough council has decided on the figure of £200.

A council spokesman commented: "The council takes a hard line approach to fly-tipping and will take action against the culprits wherever possible.

"An amendment to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which came into force in 2016 allows the council to issue fixed penalty notices in relation to the offence of fly-tipping for the first time.

"Each incident of fly-tipping will be viewed on its merits and officers will be encouraged to serve fixed penalty notices where appropriate. However, larger scale incidents and cases when businesses are deliberately avoiding paying to dispose of their waste, will still warrant formal action through the courts in line with the council's enforcement policy.

"The council has agreed to set a figure of £200 for the fixed penalty notice. This is in line with guidance from the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs."

The council feared that setting the amount too low for the fixed penalty notice might encourage people to offend, while if it was too high it might deter payment.

It is believed the £200 figure will be sufficient to act as a deterrent to would-be fly-tippers while non-payment will ordinarily be dealt with by prosecution.

The use of fixed penalty notices can save council officers time as, if they are paid no legal file is necessary.

Officers also believe that reducing the amount of fly-tipped waste and encouraging the proper disposal of waste will "help to protect and improve West Lancashire's environment including safeguarding its biodiversity."

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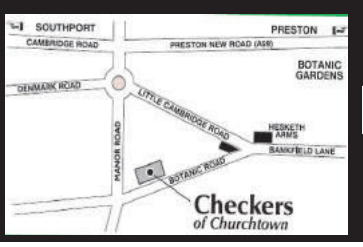

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Councillors' attendance to be posted on website

RESIDENTS in the borough can now check the attendance records of their local councillors following a campaign by independent group, Our West Lancashire.

Derby ward councillor Adrian Owens moved a motion calling for the publication of the records at the meeting of the full council in July.

Councillor Owens pointed out that neighbouring councils in Chorley and South Ribble already published councillors' attendance records and that school governing bodies now had to do likewise for school governors.

Following the first publishing of the attendance records on the council website, Cllr. Owens said: "95% of residents supported this change in a snap poll we conducted, but not one Labour or Conservative councillor agreed with those residents when the motion was debated." However, he added that he was pleased "that sense had prevailed."

He commented: "This is another small step in bringing West Lancashire local government practices up to date."

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Pictured at the awards are Lt. Col. James Hammond, Joyce Jordan, Brigadier Christopher Coles, Commander North West Reservists, Major Helen Mackay and Dr John Kirby

Trust saluted for support to Forces

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has been recognised for the outstanding support it gives to the British Army during times of conflict.

The trust was named public sector winner at the North West Armed Forces Business Awards.

Judges commended the trust for its "outstanding support given to the Reserve Forces".

On top of their regular medical jobs, several hospital staff give time as reservists and have been deployed across the world, from the Balkans to Sierra Leone.

Dr James Hammond, a consultant anaesthetist, has been deployed to Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq (twice) and Afghanistan (three times). He said: "The trust has always been very supportive and colleagues have also been very understanding when I've been away on operations."

Kath Higgins, head of nursing for planned care, was deployed to Sierra Leone in October last year to help in the fight against, working as a nursing officer in Kerrytown Ebola Treatment Centre.

She said: "The trust has been flexible in allowing me to go on deployment sometimes at very short notice. Colleagues at the hospital have also shown a positive interest in my army role."

Helen Mackay, a consultant in orthopaedics and trauma, has worked as a reservist for 13 years and completed an operational tour of Afghanistan. She said: "It's fantastic that the trust supports staff in their work as army reservists. The experience we get in operational roles around the globe also has a positive impact on our day-to-day roles."

Major Davey Harvey of the 42nd Infantry Brigade, said: "Having time and energy to support any Armed Forces Reserve needs special mention and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have it in spades. We really do appreciate the full support you bring and we wouldn't be able to field a Reserve Force if it wasn't for the backing of businesses, local authorities and of course the great British public."

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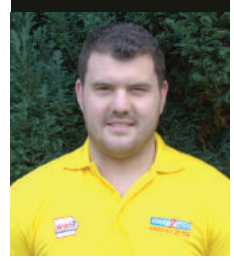

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And he will also be one of the judges in the Concours d'Elegance contest featuring some of the most eye-catching vehicles at the MotorFest, which is organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancs Council.

Steve said: "I was a spectator at the Ormskirk MotorFest last year and was impressed that so many people turned out to enjoy it.

"What I really like is the fantastic variety of cars on display. A lot of motoring events specialise in certain vehicles, but at MotorFest there is everything ranging from classic sports cars to bubble cars, and the fact that it is free makes it even better.

"Aintree Circuit Club does a great job organising the event and it's great that the council is so supportive."

Steve, who was a presenter on Top Gear for 10 years, became involved in MotorFest through his friend Sean Bramhall, who owns Steve's dream car - a 1950s Jaguar XK.

He said: "A passion for cars runs in my family, my grandfather was the commissioner for highways for Lancashire Police, and like him I particularly love British cars.

"Sean has a 1950s Jaguar XK which was the fastest road car in the world when it was built and he has let me drive it on a number of occasions. It's a fantastic combination of style and performance and hopefully it will be on display at MotorFest."

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'Foul play' in aid of a good cause...

ORMSKIRK Theatre Company are staging a charity 'Murder Mystery' evening at the Aughton Institute, Bold Lane on Friday, September 16 starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced £15 which includes a hot-supper, can be bought from the insititute, by ringing Margaret on 07753 801 3454 or by email at mfellams@hotmail.com. All proceeds will go to the Ormskirk & district branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Military historian pens new book on 'Great War'

A MILITARY historian from Ormskirk has released his latest book on British armoured vehicles in the First World War.

A former press defence correspondent, Bryan Perrett also served in the Royal Tank Regiment and was awarded the Territorial Decoration.

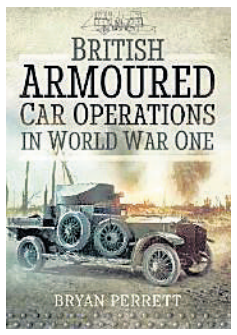
His previous books include 'A History of the Blitzkrieg' and 'Knights of the Black Cross: Hitler's Panzerwaffe and its Leaders.'

And his treatise, 'Desert Warfare' was widely consulted during the Gulf War.

Meanwhile his most recent works, including 'Last Stand!', 'At All Costs!' and 'Against all Odds!' examine aspects of motivation.

His new book, 'British Armoured Car Operations in World War One' focuses on the armoured car and the many ways in which it was employed during the so-called Great War. It also examines how it was utilised in a variety of contexts from invention onwards and includes an interesting selection of photographs.

Priced £19.99 the book is published by Pen & Sword Books Ltd. For more information go to www.pen-and-sword.co.uk.



Right: Bryan Perrett's new book

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Town centre given summer makeover

WORK has been taking place to make Ormskirk look even more welcoming during what West Lancs Council has dubbed a 'glorious summer of fun'.

Members of the Ormskirk Town Centre Management group have been busy seeking to help brigthen up the town appearance as part of the Ormskirk town centre strategy and complement the work already done to improve Moor Street.

Bunting has already been put up and work has started to remove graffiti from public areas and re-paint and varnish benches and other street furniture.

A town centre community clean-up and maintenance work on some paving areas are also being planned and owners of buildings are being encouraged to spruce up their properties.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancs Council and portfolio holder for transformation and economic regeneration, said: "We really want the town to look as good as it possibly can as there are some really exciting events planned including the Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 28.

"Improving the appearance of the town centre will show visitors what a great place Ormskirk is and encourage people to keep coming back, which will help boost the local economy."

The Town Centre Management Group are now able to judge the success of events and promotional campaigns thanks to a new system installed to monitor footfall in the town centre. This will also identify when visitor numbers are at their highest and lowest and help the group in its work to support local businesses.

A further boost has come with the opening of the new jewellery boutique Biagio in what was formerly Johnsons the Cleaners on the corner of Burscough Street. Other shops to open recently include Hello Baby on Burscough Street, Dolly Couture on Church Walks and The Serious Barbering Co on Burscough Street.

This has helped reduce the number of empty units in the town centre to just 11 out of 324, a vacancy rate of just 3.4%, one of the lowest in the country.

David Wilkinson of the Town Centre Management Group said: "All of these initiatives reflect the ongoing commitment of the council and the Town Centre Management Group to help make Ormskirk an even better place to visit. The exciting thing is that there is so much more opportunity to develop the town centre even further, so watch this space."

More information on events in Ormskirk can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/events.

John Lloyd and David Wilkinson from the Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group help with the improvements to the town centre

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Nominations wanted for 'volunteers' MBE'

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The prestigious honour - recognised as the volunteers' MBE - is awarded for exceptional contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

Nominations can be made at any time during the year by visiting www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service, but for those wishing to be considered for the 2017 award, forms must be received by Friday, September 16.

Jo Darbyshire, deputy lieutenant and chairman of the Lancashire Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Advisory Panel, said: "Volunteering groups in Lancashire make a huge contribution to people's lives. Many unsung heroes spend years quietly working to improve lives of people in their community. They deserve our praise and thanks for the incredible job they do.

"A prestigious national honour such as The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service not only thanks and recognises volunteers, but can prove invaluable in so many ways to the ongoing success of the organisation.

"I know that volunteers enjoy what they do, but they often tackle challenging problems or circumstances, which require extra time and effort way beyond the original need. Many successful groups have started by one or two people seeing a need and getting together to do something about it.

"So if you benefit from the activities of a group or you know of a group of exceptional volunteers, please take a little bit of time to nominate them for this very special honour."

In the 14 years since it was created to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 43 groups from Lancashire have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

For details of how to nominate and to download a nomination form in pdf or word format, visit www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service.

Nursery's 'graduation ceremony' for leavers

STAFF at a day nursery bade farewell to youngsters who left at the end of the term by staging their very own 'graduation' ceremony.

And the leavers at Portico Kindergarden, which cares for 40 children up the age of five years at Aughton Town Green Primary School, went along suitably attired for the occasion in caps and gowns.

The youngsters will be stepping up to reception classes at local schools in September.

Right: Some of the Portico Kindergarten leavers and staff at their 'graduation ceremony'

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Just days left to have your say on county council property review

PEOPLE wanting to have their say about a review of property being carried out by Lancashire County Council have just days left to do so.

A consultation, which runs until Sunday, August 14, is seeking residents' views on plans to change the way frontline services are delivered and save millions of pounds by reducing the number of buildings the council owns and rents.

The proposals include the possible closure of libraries in Burscough, Parbold and Up Holland, along with children's centres at Moorgate in Ormskirk, Hesketh with Becconsall and St John's, Skelmersdale.

More than 5,000 responses have been received since the public consultation was launched on May 18.

County Councillor David Borrow, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council with responsibility for finance, said: "We would very much like people to take this opportunity to look at what is being proposed, and how they might be affected - and to help us shape the final proposals by responding to the consultation."

Under the plans, services would be brought together to form a network of multi-functional buildings known as Neighbourhood Centres, which would provide a base for a range of different services in one place.

The county council needs to save £200m by 2020/21 as a result of ongoing government cuts to its budget and rising demand for services. The proposals for buildings respond to savings agreed by full council in February 2016, with fewer buildings being needed to deliver reduced services.

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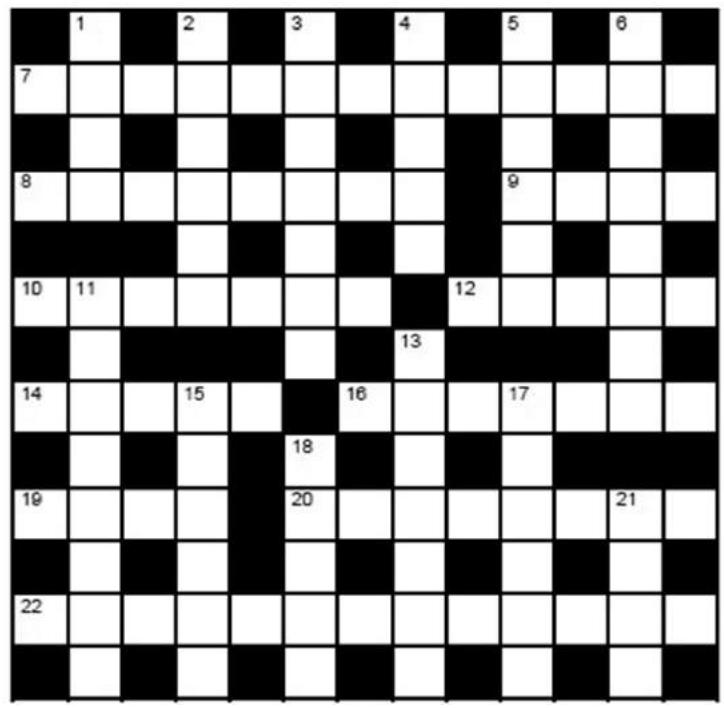

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Down: 1 Memo. 2 Middle England. 3 Isolate. 4 Razor. 5 Sophisticated. 6 Milliard. 12 Air Miles. 14 Reorder. 17 Unite. 20 Smut.

ACROSS

7 Smallest area in which a vehicle can turn around without reversing (7,6)
8 Coerce or trick someone into doing something (8)
9 12 months (4)
10 Desist (7)
12 Apple or orange, for example (5)
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Garden centre boss is backing old pal Sam to blossom in England role

Report by **Tom Martin**

DAVE Sutton is a familiar face at his popular garden centre in Tarleton.

But how many of those customers who enjoy a friendly chat among the pot-plants and perennials will be aware that the genial 59-year-old was once a professional footballer who counts new England boss, Sam Allardyce among his pals?

Dave, who runs Sooty's in Southport New Road, and 'Big Sam' were teammates at both Huddersfield Town and Bolton Wanderers, the centre-back pairing partnering each other on many occasions.

And although their careers ultimately took different paths after Dave dabbled briefly in management in the 1990s, the pair remain friends to this day.

Dave described his former playing partner as "a true leader" on the pitch and believes he is the right man for the England job.

He said: "I spoke to Sam a few days after he was confirmed as England boss because we're still good mates and like to recall the old times.

"And I think he is absolutely the right man for England - he should have got the job sooner, before Steve McClaren, and we all know what happened with him!

"Sam will get England playing the right way and he is the type of manager to get the best out of players. It's not a question of ability with England, it's the players' confidence and Sam will change that."

Sooty's Plants boss Dave Sutton

Dave started his career in 1973 with Plymouth Argyle, making 61 appearances for the Devon outfit.

But it was during a loan spell with Huddersfield Town in 1978 that he met Allardyce and the pair struck up a close relationship, both on and off the pitch. As well usually being positioned side by side in the heart of the defence, the pair also spent a lot of time together away from the pitch.

They later briefly teamed up again at Bolton Wanderers, although Allardyce only made 14 appearances during the 1985/86 season while Dave stayed there until 1988.

New England manager Allarydce

Dave said: "We were what they called mortgage players – basically players who play just to get by. I always remember him as a leader on the pitch and he was always very vocal – but then so was I!"

After his playing career came to an end at Rochdale in 1989, Dave had a stint at management in the early 1990s, including at Chorley FC, before moving into the family garden centre business at Sooty's Plants.

But he hasn't given up on 'the beautiful-game' completely and was recently appointed director of football at Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One North side Burscough FC.

He added: "Burscough is a great team with a new manager and players who will work hard for the fans. It's a new chapter for the club and we are all really looking forward to the new season."

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THE director of a boxing club for youngsters is looking for volunteers to help out with a view to undertaking formal coach training at the club.

Sean Crowley, who runs JAB Amateur Boxing Club in New Court Way, Ormskirk, currently holds two sessions for children aged seven and upwards each week, as well as three weekly training sessions for adults.

He told the Champion: "Basically, I am looking to get help and recognition around Ormskirk.

"We would love to hear from any volunteers with past boxing experience who would be interested in helping out and taking on coaching roles over time and potentially going on a coaching course through the club.

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Beacon Park pair clinch handicap foursomes trophy

TWO long-standing members of Beacon Park Golf Club teamed up to clinch victory in the Lancashire Handicap Foursomes held at the Wilpshire Golf Course in Ribble Valley.

Former club captain Ian Donaldson, who plays off a handicap of two, and eight handicapper Steve Sherlock, beat a field of 34, including pairings from Ormskirk Golf Club (20th) and West Lacashire Golf Club (30th), to take the trophy.

Ian joined the club in 1983, the year after it was built, was club captain in 1995 and also served as club chairman and as a regular member of the handicap committee.

Steve has been a member of Beacon Park since 1999.

The last time the club won this trophy was way back in 1983 when it was held at the Lancaster Golf Club.

Beacon Park members also recently won the South Lancashire Municipal Golf Club's association tournament and received a motion of congratulation from West Lancs Council.

Right: Ian and Steve with their trophies

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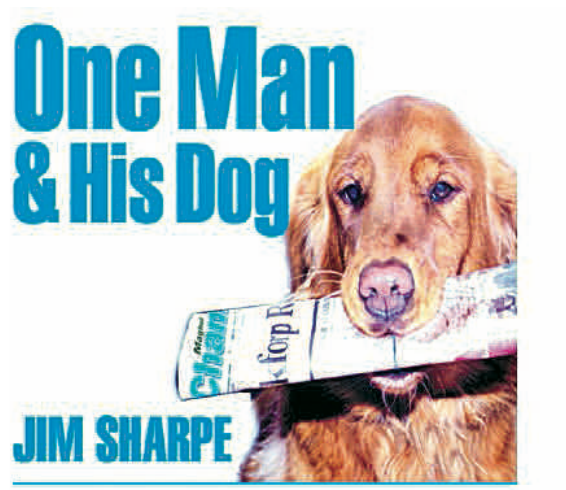
The sun's coming out - with a bit of luck - and all's well, hopefully!



WHERE has summer gone? I'm sitting here, gazing out of the window at a bleak, damp-looking sky and fallen leaves gathering on the pavement.

Blooming heck, it's autumn! Or if not, it's certainly a good imitation.

So when was summer? I remember a couple of weeks ago actually going out in shirt sleeves for four or five days. Was that it? Is this really global warming ?

Now I reckon I know what I'm doing - and I just hope it works. Because yes, I am well aware that though we are well into August now, there is (I hope) still time for sun in what remains of many people's 'summer' holidays. And I know from experience that September can be a gorgeous month.

I also know that in a couple of weeks I hope to be journeying to Norfolk and Suffolk for a long-postponed cruise on my boat, 'Manxman'.

So I suppose I am talking up the unseasonable weather now in the hope that I am about to be proved wrong and we have a late-August/early-September heat wave.

I reckon that surely I deserve just a little good luck, because for certain I haven't had much of it so far this year. To be honest, I suppose just still being alive should count, except that I didn't expect to have to say that if my luck had been a tad better in the first place, if you get my drift.

But even before my health went off line for a while, the year had hardly started well. If you recall, my short Broads holiday in March was supposed to have been a triumph, with 'Manxman' all fettled and in tip-top shape.

It wasn't and neither was 'Manxman'. Just about everything that could go wrong did - from a massive oil leak to the heating system working or not as it felt fit and a domestic hot water pump that refused to turn off.

To say it was a nightmare would be unfair. I still enjoyed most of my holiday, though it had to be cut short as I crept back to base stopping regularly to check the level of engine oil and topping up as necessary.

If it sounds expensive, it was – at least by my meagre standards. I hate to tempt fate, but this time round, and several quid the lighter, I truly believe that given even a modicum of luck, the old girl should at last be fettled and ready to go. As long as you ignore the probable leak in the fresh water tank (which should be OK since the boat was designed to sleep six and at present there is only me and the two 'crew', Tina and Cinders.

I suppose though that over the coming winter I better have a new (plastic) tank installed in place of the metal one which I fear is probably suffering from incipient 'tin worm'. So that's Christmas spends spent already.

Anyway, my original point was that if I made as much as possible over the unseasonable autumn weather that seems to be the norm at present, I must be proved wrong and will be basking in sunshine at least during the wooden boat rally I hope to attend.

And to be fair, good old 'Manxman' is 51 years old this year and is still basically going strong. Even the mechanic who had to fabricate a new sump gasket told me that normally he would have advised that a new engine altogether would be a better bet, except that my venerable BMC 2.2 litre diesel (the original FX4 taxi engine and the FX3 before that) was in such good general shape that it was worthwhile keeping.

So hope springs eternal. All will be well - the weather, the boat and hopefully I will be well to complete the triumvirate. Oh, and if possible, silly Cinders will refrain from falling into the river again.

Actually, having just had another peek through the window, the sun is trying valiantly to break through, so perhaps that's a portent or omen (though both sound rather dubious). Perhaps then a simple sign that all will be well. We'll see.

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Still the Merseybeat goes on as city hosts night of nostalgia!

Hundreds turned out for the Merseybeat celebrations

Beryl Marsden performed in front of a packed audience

Report by **Ron Ellis**

IT WAS a night of nostalgia in the giant marquee erected at Liverpool's Pier Head beside the fairground rides, the food stalls and the River Mersey as part of the 2016 Liverpool Loves Festival.

Some of the surviving big names of the Sixties era played to a hugely enthusiastic crowd, the great majority of whom remembered them from the glory days of Merseybeat.

Most people around in 1963 reckoned that Beryl Marsden was the best female singer in the city but Brian Epstein chose Cilla Black and, although Beryl went on to join Rod Stewart, Peter Green and Mick Fleetwood in Shotgun Express in 1966, she never scaled the heights of fame that she deserved.

But now Beryl is back in town, her voice as good as ever, belting out numbers like 'I Know', which should have been a major hit for her in 1964, 'Da Doo Ron Ron' and Wanda Jackson's 'Let's have a party'.

Karl Terry and the Cruisers have never stopped working since the Sixties but to see Karl windmilling across the stage as he belted out rock'n'roll standards like 'High School Confidential' and 'Shake Rattle and Roll', you would never believe he was 75 next birthday.

Karl plays a lot of gigs in Hamburg, alongside another Merseybeat legend, Kingsize Taylor, and the two of them are doing a concert at Seaforth's Lathom Club in October.

One of the country's top musicians who has played on many hit records, Brian 'Saxophone' Jones, last original member in the current Undertakers line-up, came on and played Bill Black's Combo's hit, 'Tuff', before accompanying other artistes on and off during the evening.

Ralph Ennis, founder member of The Swinging Blue Jeans, had the audience on their feet and singing along to his group's biggest hit, Chan Romero's 'Hippy Hippy Shake'.

Finally, topping the bill was Liverpool's own Billy Kinsley, singing a selection of various hits from his career

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Star Rating: 9 out of 10. Life in the old dogs yet.

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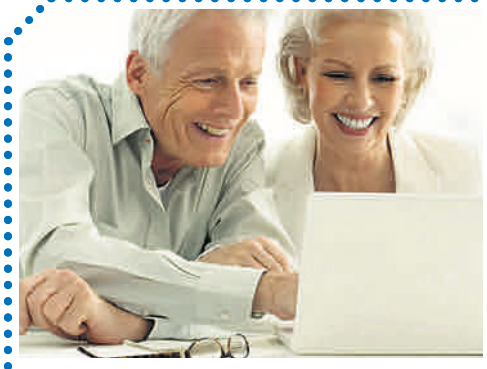

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The floral tributes, sympathy cards and donations to both Queenscourt & Marie Curie show just how much our Mum was thought of and is of great comfort at this still very sad time.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Parish Priest Fr Atli who gave both services in Southport and Liverpool and to all who cared for our mum both spiritually and physically during her illness.

A big thank you must also be extended to all at Queenscourt Hospice (your work is invaluable) Care Concern and to the district nurses at Tarleton who were simply first class.

Finally, to the staff at FJ Gibb Funeral Directors for their impeccable service.

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The family of Cathy and Susie would like to thank family and friends for their cards and comforting words of sympathy and support at this very difficult time.Also for their kind donations to Whiteledge Centre and Northwest Cancer research.We would also like to thank Reverend Cuthbert Jackson for his kind and thoughtful ministrations at both services.Also our thanks to H Hardman & Co funeral directors for their caring and very professional services

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DEATHS

COLGAN STEPHEN JAMES

sadly passed away
31/07/2016

Gone, dear father, gone forever,
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed -
How sweet the memory still-
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill.
loving son
Stephen,Kathleen & family.

DAD COLGAN

Stephen
31st July 2016

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal
Because those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear
Love always Andrew and Mandy xx

DEATHS

COLGAN STEPHEN JAMES

Passed away peacefully at home
31st July 2016

DAD
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No amount of words can express how heartbroken we are and how much you will be missed .
I couldn't have wished for a better dad
Thank you for always being so loving caring and generous and for always being our rock.
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DEATHS

COLGAN STEPHEN JAMES

Passed away at home
31st July 2016

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3rd August 2016
Aged 89 years

Devoted wife of the late John, loving Mum of Evelyn and Ian, Mother-In-Law of Andy and Jane, caring Nan of Michelle, Suzie, Daniel, Gina and John and Great Nanny to Jess and Kyle.
Service at Ainsdale United Reform Church on Monday 15th August at 11:15am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK.
Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HW. Telephone: 01704 577786.

HOYLE MAMIE ELIZABETH

Previously Briscoe, Nee Golding
3rd August 2016
Aged 85 years

Much loved Wife of the late Fred and Stan. Devoted Mum to Andrew and Sandra and her Step-Children Lesley and Janet, a much loved Grandma and Great-Grandma.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 15th August at 2:00pm.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Salvation Army.
Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

JONES ALMA

Passed away peacefully after a short illness.
Aged 85 years.

Beloved Wife of Bill Jones (deceased). Much loved Mum of Audrey, Pam, Billy and Cliff. Doting Nan to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
Family flowers only but donations, if desired are being gratefully received for Ormskirk and District General Hospital. Alma will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral service will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 18th August at 9.00am.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
Tel 01695 572997.

DENNETT LYDIA

29th July 2016
Suddenly, but peacefully in Southport Hospital aged 83 years.

Much loved Auntie of Julie, Lin, Sharon, Eric, Tony and Brian and a loving cousin.
Lydia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Special thanks to all the staff on Ward 14b for their care of Lydia.
Funeral Service will take place at St Maries RC Church on Monday 15th August at 10.30am followed by interment at St Helen's Cemetery at 12 noon.
Flowers and further enquiries please to Co-op Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4PD.
Tel 01704 550011

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

C.V

DEATHS

GRANDAD COLGAN

A grandfather is someone with silver in his hair and gold in his heart
31st July 2016

It hurts that we had to let you go, but we are happy knowing you're at peace.
Miss you already, now and forever. Lots of love, Danielle, Toni-Louise, Jamie-Lee, Aleisha and families.

IN MEMORIAM

MATHER CLIFF

11th August 2013

Dearly missed 3 years on.
The tears in my eyes,
I can wipe away,
But the ache in my heart,
Will always stay.
I miss you so much.
Your loving Wife
Hazel.
xxx

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Back Lane, from a point outside the property known as Fyldings to a point outside Rigby's Farm.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on Monday 15th August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 19th August 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Back Lane – Hollowford Lane – Moss Bridge Lane – A5209 Course Lane Back Lane and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow urgent telecommunications maintenance works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT16/08/4181/ARH]
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY LANE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank at its junction with Moss Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 27th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane – Station Road – Shore Road – Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3646/WH]
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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Application No: 2016/0807/COU Change of use of self contained unit from office, storage and distribution to gym at 4 Osprey Place, Guys Industrial Estate North, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING
Application No: 2016/0753/FUL Private equestrian development consisting of tack / store room, hay barn and six stables at Mawdsleys Farm, Crosshall Brow, Westhead.
Application No: 2016/0793/FUL Conversion of integrated garage to habitable room and roof dormer extensions at The Bungalow, Lathom Park, Lathom.
Application No: 2016/0802/FUL Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2016/0803/LBC Listed Building Consent - Amendment to approved plans for the conversion of barn to dwelling, including single storey extension at Barn Hey, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2016/0808/FUL Erection of 4 dwelling houses and related works on land to east of car park at Fifteens At The Fox, Roby Mill, UpHolland, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 10th August 2016 PDNOT910

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from its junction with Herons Wharf to its junction with Stonemill Rise, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 22nd August 2016 until 1530 hours on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Mill Lane – B5375 Miles Lane – B5375 Skull House Lane – Appley Lane North – Mill Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow for Gully cleaning and Jetting of Drain works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3452/WH]
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.S 11 AND 12, 63 (PART), ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath no.s 11 and 12, 63 (part), Ormskirk, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-
Public Footpath No. 11 Ormskirk, at its junction with Scarth Hill Lane near, Ormskirk, West Lancashire and running in a generally easterly, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 253 metres to Point B (GR SD 4311 0697) and its junction with Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.
Part of FP12 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing at Threfalls Farm, Ormskirk at Point C (GR SD 4328 0741) and running in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 445 metres to Point D (GR SD 4346 0781) at its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk West Lancashire.
Part of FP63 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing from its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk, West Lancashire at Point E (GR SD 4289 0799) and running in a generally north, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 490 metres to Point F and its junction with the dismantled railway line, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.
The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the routes, said works being the laying of a new pipeline.
Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.
Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.
The Order will be operative from the 23rd August, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.
IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE
The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B & C-D-E-F. Lancashire County Council is informed that there is an alternative route available for the closure of footpath 11 Ormskirk only using Scarth Hill Lane, then Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire. Shown G-H-B on the enclosed plan.
The alternative route has not been inspected in connection with this closure. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEW WAY & OUTLET LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the length of road as per the schedule below.
a. New Way, Bickerstaffe
b. Outlet Lane, Bickerstaffe
2. The prohibitions will be operative as per the schedule below or until completion of the works within this period.
a. New Way – 0900 on 05/09/2016 until 1700 on 23/09/2016
b. Outlet Lane – 0900 on 22/08/2016 until 1700 on 26/08/2016
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
a. Hursts Lane – Simonswood Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – Church Road – Hall Lane – New Way and vice versa.
b. Simonswood Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – A506 Cunscough Lane – Spurriers Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3839/WH]
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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

FWS Supplies Ltd of 2 Ringtail Place, Burscough Industrial Estate, Burscough L40 8LA is applying for a licence to use 2 Ringtail Place, Burscough Industrial Estate, L40 8LA as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

NOTCE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Plasto-Sac UK Ltd Unit 19 John Bradshaw Court Alexandra Way, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1LB is applying for a licence to use 9 Pit Hey Place, West Pimbo Industrial Est. Skelmersdale as an operating centre for 0 extra goods vehicles and 6 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills, Leeds, LS9 6HF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROBY MILL, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Roby Mill, Upholland from its junction with School Lane to its junction with Farley Lane in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 until 1600 hours on Friday 26th August 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Roby Mill – Bank Brow – Appley Lane South - Appley Lane North – B5375 Appley Lane North – A5209 Hall Lane - A5209 Sparrow Hill - A5209 Parbold Hill - A5209 Alder Lane - A5209 Ash Brow – Cobbs Brow Lane – Whalleys Road – Ashurst Road – A577 Stannanought Road - A577 Windmill Road - A577 Newgate Road - A577 Ormskirk Road - A577 Dingle Road – College Road – Stoney Brow and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential drainage repairs to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16/08/4206/arh]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the Triathlon) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out below.

Scarth Hill Lane (Full Length) – Ruff Lane (Approx 5 metres past junction with Beech Meadow) – Whiteys Lane junction with A577 Wigan Road.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) Eastbound diversion – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Crosshall Brow – A577 Wigan Road
ii) Westbound diversion – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Crosshall Brow – A577 Wigan Road – A570 Knowsley Road

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the West Lancashire Triathlon event.

The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours until 1200 hours on Sunday 28th August 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3786/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road – B5197 St Annes Road – A59 Holburn Hill – A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) – A570 St Helens Road – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 28th August 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

AND FURTHER, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/3751/WH]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures
Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2016

Road	Section of Road Affected
A570 Derby Street West	From its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street
A570 Derby Street	From its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street
A570 Stanley Street	From its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road
A577 St Helens Road	From its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road
A570 Park Road	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700)

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Moorgate

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20 meters either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 23:25 on Monday 29th August 2016 until 06:25 on Tuesday 30th August 2016 and from 23:15 on Saturday 10th September until 06:15 on Monday 12th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5246 Meadow Lane – B5246 Rufford Road – B5246 Hall Lane – B5256 Robin Lane – B5256 Chorley Road – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – A5209 Ash Brow – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – A5209 Square Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Causeway Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – B5246 Diamond Jubilee Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3371/WH]

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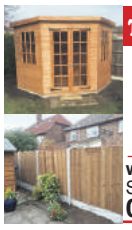
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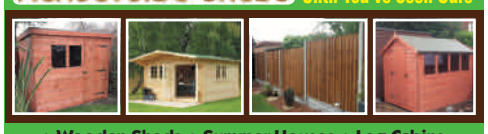
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The best foreign cars in Italy since the Mini Cooper's famous gold heist arrival

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ITALY knows a thing or two about small cars, if a week I've just spent squeezing through its tiny streets is anything to go by.

If you've never been to the nation behind ornate architecture and top notch pizzas you'll be disappointed to discover that there isn't a 1960s Fiat 500 outside every trattoria and the towns don't buzz every night to the two-stroke clatter of glamorous girls wobbling around on Lambrettas. But superminis and city cars dominate the country's motoring landscape, and with good reason – even a Ford Focus is going to feel uncomfortably bloated if you're attempting to thread it through somewhere like Siena or Billagio.

What's most amazing is that while the Fiat 500s have long since been relegated to classic car collections or Milanese firms flogging hour-long tours at 100 Euros a pop, the boxy silhouette of the original Fiat Panda is absolutely everywhere. Entire families shuffle to the shops in them, and venture out into the countryside and you'll find the 4x4 version happily trudging up rutted tracks that'd make Land Rover owners think twice. Around the picturesque villages of Lake Como the bobbies are still happily using them as – ahem – panda cars. Not bad for a boggo-spec three-door hatchback that's as old as Ultravox's *Vienna* and hasn't been in production for 13 years.

Everyone who can't afford a new car has an old Panda and those who do run around in either its five-door successor or the current 500. The small car is as much an Italian institution as thin crust margeritas and trains that don't run on time. Which is weird, because the best Italian small car right nowis actually German.

Regular readers will already know I've a soft spot for Volkswagen's Up, which is why I was just a teeny bit pleased I'd been allocated one as a hire car rather than the Panda/500 I'd been expecting.

Having driven all three, I'd vouch that the Panda more than makes up for the lack of the 500's style by being usefully more practical, less pretentious, cheaper and just as much fun to drive. But the Up has all the qualities that make the Panda so enjoyable – but it brings Golf-esque build quality and refinement to the party.

Whether it was nipping through impossibly small gaps or being thrashed around the hairpins of the Stelvio Pass the little Up was a class act. In fact, I honestly reckon it's the best foreign small car to hit Italy since a trio of Mini Coopers were used in a Turin gold heist.

The only thing that lets it down is a ride that's a bit too stiff for the litany of potholes that pepper Italy's smaller streets – but if VW can smoothen the suspension for the next model it'll have comprehensively out Fiat-ed the Panda.

So the Up is (still) brilliant. Not that it'll tempt Italy's families out of their battered old Pandas, though...

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Prices for the three-door and five-door city car start at £8,495.

Go to www.peugeot.co.uk for more information on the 108 and the rest of Peugeot's range.

Alfa Romeo reveal their newest Giulia

ANYONE saving up for Alfa Romeo's new BMW-basher will need at least £29,180.

That's how much the entry-level 2.0-litre petrol version of the new Giulia costs, with prices rising to £59,000 for the 510bhp Quadriofoglio model.

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Ford's new hot hatch Focus

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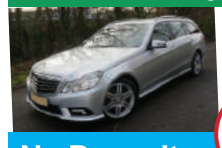

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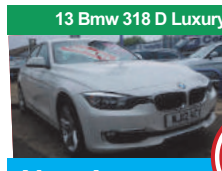

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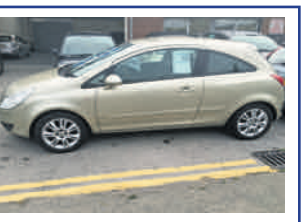

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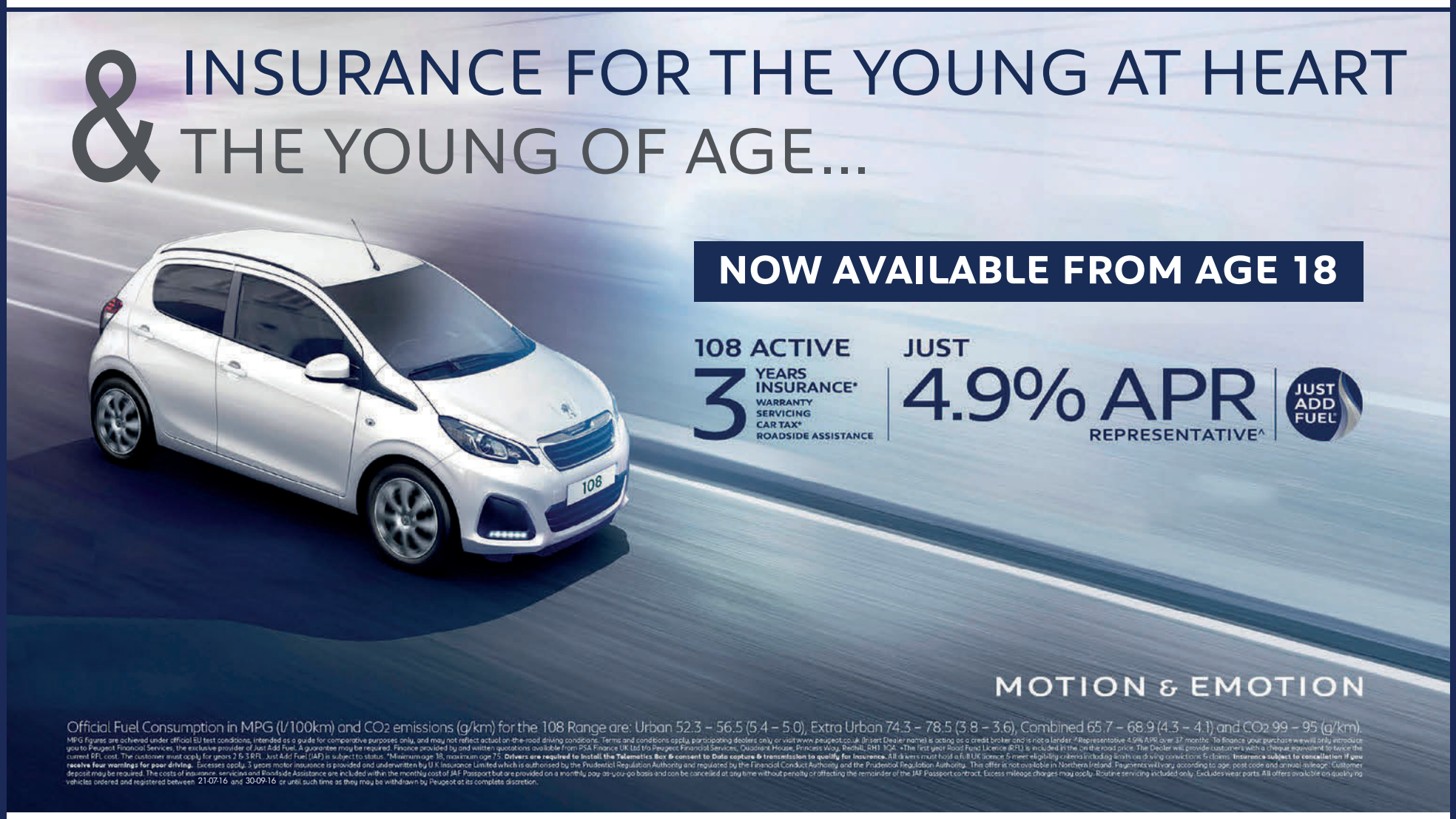

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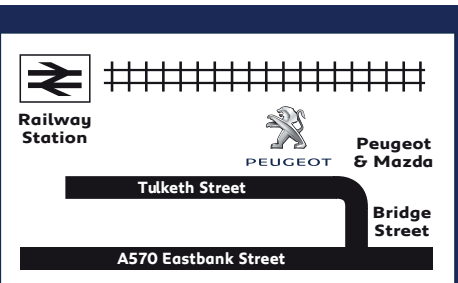

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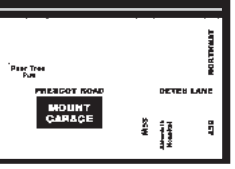

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Agonising one wicket loss for Burscough

MAGHULL'S woes continued on Saturday as they suffered a seven wicket defeat at who extended their lead at the top of the First Division to 25 points with a seven wicket home win over bottom team.

A few Maghull made starts but never drove on as the visitors were dismissed for 102, with Joe Lowe 5-22 and Martyn Farrell 4-30 doing the damage with the ball. In reply, Andy Davies (50*) carried his bat with an unbeaten half century as the leaders wrapped up victory.

Fleetwood Hesketh moved back to second place with a narrow one wicket home over one time leaders Burscough who slipped to fifth.

The visitors chose to bat and some early fireworks from Lee Berrie (34) were soon put out as they slipped to 60-5 with Issy Perera taking all five wickets, however some dogged resistance from Rob Glaysher (41) and Michael Bimpson (41) helped Burscough to 186 all out, with Perera taking all but one of the wickets to fall to finish with 9-44.

In reply Fleetwood slumped to 33-5 before mounting their own fightback from Lee Rimmer (87) who adopted the crash bang wallop style and Perera (40) who dropped anchor, however their dismissals and two others left final pair Tommy Wareing (9*) and Owen Drummond (0*) to see the hosts to victory on 188-9, with Jon Stone 4-34 and Navdeep Aujla 3-49 the pick of the bowlers in a great game.

Southport & Birkdale are still in third place with a game in hand after a commanding 103 run win at Sefton Park. S&B elected to bat and thanks to the only players to reach double figures Wim van der Walt (84) and Chris Brownlow (37) posted 154 up on the board, with Peter Kelly taking 6-50. In reply, only two Sefton players reached double figures as they were blown over for just 51, with Andy Warhurst 5-32 the chief destroyer with the ball.

In Division two Hightown St Mary's closed the gap on Trinity to two points with a thrilling one wicket win at Old Xaverians.

Ormskirk drop to third after defeat at Leigh

NORTHERN extended their lead at the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division to ten points with a 128 run win at Rainford, writes Glenn Wallworth.

After being asked to bat Northern were dismissed for 230 with Davy Smith (59), Liam Grey (38) and Ben Sloan (34) all in good touch, whilst Andy Davies 5-54 and John Dotters 3-77 shone with the ball. In reply Tom Sephton took his season's wicket tally to 64 with 5-31 and Ryan Maddock took 3-20 as the hosts were bowled out for 102.

Ormskirk dropped down to third in the table after they were heavily beaten by nine wickets at Leigh, the visitors were put in to bat and bowled out for 144, with only George Lavelle (40), Michael Jones (38) and Nick Caunce (22) offering much with the bat, as Lancashire's Luis Reece 4-35 and Matty McKiernan 3-49 did most of the damage with the ball. In reply, Lancashire's Karl Brown hit an unbeaten 70 and Reece carried his bat for 43* as Leigh sealed victory on 147-1.

Formby moved up to fourth place in the table with a four wicket home win over New Brighton. The defending champions chose to bat and made 165 with Khurram Hussain (56) and Louis Botes (33) top scoring, whilst Lancashire spinner Stephen Parry took 5-44 and his former Red Rose team-mate Gary Keedy took 4-68. In reply, a century opening partnership from James Seward (63) and Tim le Breton (52) set up the victory platform as Formby eased to 166-6.

Bootle dropped to fifth place after a six wicket defeat at Wallasey, Jackson Knight hit an unbeaten 74 and Michael Gill 38 as Bootle finally declared after 60 overs on 188-9, with Chris Bourne taking the bowling honours with 5-58. In reply Greg Beaver (56), Martin Williams (46) and an unbeaten 40 from skipper Danny Beaver took the hosts to victory on 191-4.

This weekend's local LDCC Premier Division fixtures: Bootle v New Brighton, Northern v Rainhill and Ormskirk v Formby

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Akrigg returns to Skem as player/coach

A NEW season dawns for Skelmersdale United this Saturday when Grantham Town make the trip up from Lincolnshire to Stormy Corner for a 3pm kick off.

The 2016/2017 campaign will bring new faces to the side, or in some cases a 'new old face', *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

That's because manager Tommy Lawson has found a new player/ coach in the form of Steve Akrigg, who was a lynchpin of the Skem defence for a number of years until moving to National League Southport in 2011.

Making over 60 appearances for the Sandgrounders before moving onto AFC Telford United in 2014 where he was quickly made captain, however after just 18 league appearances he was hit with a serious knee injury and he had to retire in 2015.

During the summer Lawson got in touch with Steve and offered him the position of player/coach.

Lawson has operated since early last season with only Assistant Manager Brian Richardson to share the workload.

Now Tommy can count on Steve to chip in with support.

Steve said: "I instantly wanted to join him the only problem was work commitments. I am grateful though that my employer has allowed me to re-organise my working shifts and here I am.

"Tommy looked after me as a player and developed my game over the time I was at Skem, the chance to work alongside him and help him develop players was too good to miss and I agreed to the move instantly.

"Once I had my chat with Tommy I have been working really hard and hope to be properly fit very soon."

Skelmersdale go on the road after Saturday's opener when on Tuesday, August 16 they travel to Matlock Town for a 7.45pm kick off.

Season tickets will be on sale up to kick off time on Saturday and can be purchased on the turnstile on entry or by phoning 01695 575958. Adults tickets £180 and Concessions £100.

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Linnets head to Trafford in their league opener

BURSCOUGH travel to Trafford FC this Saturday (August 13) in their first league game of the season.

The Linnets have had a dramatic summer of activity, with most first team players and manager Mark Beesley departing the club.

But owners have described the new season as a 'new dawn' for the club and fans will be hoping for three points in this weekend's opener.

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